

The Little White Church In The Heart Of Faith

GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR
of



The Sacred Heart Church And It's Early Pioneers
1909-1963

FAITH

ALBERTA

INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers;

On July 18, 1938, I arrived here from my home in Prelate, Saskatchewan, with the Feist family, never realizing that I would someday become one of the Faith Parishioners. But fate had other plans for me and I remained.

The first glimpse I had of the Church which showed signs of dilapidating due to the depression years, left an imprint in my memory.

As time went on, the country and its people appealed to me. They were happy and friendly regardless of the lean years.

I heard many inspiring and interesting tales of those earlier bygone days which fascinated me to the point where I felt I was born too late and on the other hand I was glad this wasn't the past era.

May I, on behalf of the parishioners and myself thank every Missionary and Priest who unselfishly strived to make possible the Church what it is today.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank all the enthusiasts, Mr. John Herbst and Mr. Alex Kanig (the Jubilee Historians), and especially the old and young from whom I received articles and pictures aiding me in making this book possible.

For this and the future generation I only hope and pray that they will co-operate in keeping up the faith and traditions of "Our Little White Church on the Summit of a Hill".

Sincerely
Mrs. Pius (Thekla) Ehnes



Mrs. Pius Ehnes

DEDICATED

To the Priests and original pioneers on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of "The Faith Sacred Heart Catholic Church" which was started in April 1912 and completed in September 1913.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEK

It is in the Sacred Heart Church which was thrice renovated, remodeled, extended and modernized, and which is completely free of debt, an achievement and credit to the Parish and District, that during the week ending July 6, Catechism will be taught by two Sisters of St. Martha from Blairmore, to prepare the first Communicants: Theresa Harty and Teddy Gaetz and the confirmation candidates: Leona and Michael Fauth, Cherylanne Scherer, Kenneth King, Theresa, William, Martin and Leslie Harty, Rubben Seefreid, Joan Hearn, Dwayne Herbst, Teddy and Valentine Gaetz, with His Excellency Bishop Francis P. Carroll, D.D. of Calgary as celebrant. These children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Gabrile's Church in Etzikom.

On Sunday a Mass of Petition will be celebrated, asking God's favors, spiritual and temporal. The following Monday a Mass will be celebrated for the deceased Parish Priests and Parishioners. A triduum of prayers will be held during the week as a memorial to all those pioneers who have passed on to their new and last home in eternity, and to whom we all owe so much, and on July 6, 1963, at 10:00 a.m., His Excellency Bishop Carroll will offer the Solemn Jubilee Mass and give the sermon.

Several retired pioneers returned to Faith to attend the services. Paid tribute to friends and relatives who are long gone to eternity, who along side themselves braved the hardships of this land to make it inhabitable for themselves and their children.

Happy and sad memories were renewed as the old pioneers knelt once again in the Church they so long ago helped to build, to offer their prayers of thanksgiving.

After the service a banquet will be held in the Foremost Community Hall with the Catholic Women's League of Foremost catering.

FIRST CATHOLIC PARISHIONERS AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO SETTLED HERE IN 1909-1911

1909 -- 1910

Bosch, Mrs. Christina (mother)
Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Bosch, Phyllip
Bosch, Simon
Bosch, Leo
Bosch, George
Cain, Jim
Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. Mike (10)
Degenstein, Valentine
Ehnes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry (5)
Fauth, Mr. and Mrs. Michael (4)
Feist, Nick
Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias (4)
Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Rochus (father and mother)

Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Frank (4)
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Martin (3)
 Harty, John
 Harty, Jack
 Harty, Roy
 Harty, Fred
 Harty, Felix
 Mitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (2)
 Marthaller, Mr. and Mrs. Laborius (2)
 Moch, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (6)
 Narcoski, Toney
 O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Phil
 O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. John
 O'Neil, Mr. Dorsey
 O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
 Scherer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob (1)
 Voeller, Mr. and Mrs. Leo (8)

1911

Ehnes, Mr. and Mrs. John Sr. (father and mother) (2)
 Ehnes, Mr. and Mrs. George (2)
 Ehnes, Nick
 Fitterer, Mr. and Mrs. Anton (4)
 Fritz, Alex
 Fritz, Dave
 Gactz, Ignatz
 Hollyan, Charlie
 Hinch, Ed
 Kanig, John
 Kanig, Balzar
 Kanig, Frank
 Kanig, Alexander
 Krug, Somon
 Kerner, Anton
 Tachido, Victor
 Narcoski, Toney
 Hearn, Roy

Later Settlers 1927 - 1930

1927

Dorner, Joseph
 Kirschbaum, Rudolph

1930

Dorner, Frank
 Kirschbaum, John
 Barth, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander (3)
 Brittner, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmond (3)

SHORT HISTORY OF THE FAITH DISTRICT

Faith, at one time was mainly a German settlement. It is situated fifteen miles south of Nemiscam and about twenty-five miles north of the United States boundary.

In 1909 and 1911, all these German farmers arrived from parts of Russia; Spire, Odess, South Siberia, Crimea and Dulath, to file claims.

News was spread to them of the opening of land to homesteaders in Canada. This sounded very promising to these young people at the time.

Approximately thirty-five Catholic families were amongst them.

The received 160 acres for a homestead, and another 160 acres pre-emption which was purchased from the government. Thus at one time every half section boasted a homesteader.



Reverend Father Konrad Meyer O.M.I. The first Missionary Priest who served the Faith District.

Reverend Father Konrad Meyer, O.M.I. was the first Missionary sent to them in 1910, and so large was the number of worshippers who attended services, that efforts were made immediately to build a good size Church in the centre of the settlement.

For this purpose Henry Ehnes donated five acres. In 1912, they all went to work and put up themselves a beautiful building, completed and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Church stands on a summit of a hill, Section six (6) Township four (4) Range nine (9) West of the Fourth Meridian. Directly East in the back of the building on part of these five acres, is the cemetery.

The Faith Church became a Mission along with Granlea, when the present parish of Foremost was formed.

The district of Faith was named in honor of a baby daughter born to a minister and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Jim Sergeant on August 14, 1910.

After 1916, a drought hit the district which lasted for almost ten years. Many farmers moved away, looking for a better and more prosperous district. Still in spite of the drought, financial hardships, the settlement retained some twenty families.

They had Mass every second Sunday of each month and were faithful parishioners.

The Church is to this day, surrounded by a large percentage of Catholics for a radius of about ten miles around.

The Faith Post Office, which is now operated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scherer, is about two miles East of the Church.

The Hoping School teacherages, Hall and the Kanig General Store are all about three miles West of the Church.

The district is mainly mixed farming and ranching.

PIONEER DAYS

In the fall of 1909 these brave people bade a fond farewell to parents, brothers, sisters and friends, took what possessions they could and came to the U.S.A., namely Rosco, Bowdle and Horner, South Dakota, as some of them had relatives there who left Russia as early as 1902.

Several of the families came directly to Canada, stopping over in Bow Island. They joined their friends and relatives here at Faith, a few months later.

They crowded in with relatives until, with the help of neighbours, some of them had shacks built and holes dug with sod houses built over them. These houses were damp and cool but provided the much needed shelter. Later wooden houses were constructed plastered with mud mixed with straw and whitewashed. This made a very thick wall, which was cool in summer and warm in winter.

Water was their biggest problem, as the water from wells on some of the homesteads could not be used for human consumption as it contained too much alkali and other minerals. Thus hauling water from their neighbors became a common chore.

For fuel they used straw and dried cow dung, which the women and the children gathered during the summer.

Butchering bees and beef-rings were organized almost immediately. After each butchering session the women were busy making soap to be used for laundry and sometimes for bathing. The men salted the pork down in barrels to cure, after which the hams and and sausages were smoked.

The land was cleared of rocks and broke with teams of oxen and horse drawn plows. Wheat, oats and barley were the main crops seeded. These were then bindered, stooked and threshed. The pioneers who lived in the south area hauled their grain to Warner, while the North pioneers hauled their grain to Bow Island. This trip necessitated a three day journey. The men took turns bringing back supplies for several of the homesteaders. The women and children didn't accompany their men on these trips, therefore, never leaving the district for months, and even years for some of them.

As luck would have it, Mr. Sergeant opened a store and Post Office in the midst of the district.

In the summer of 1910, a huge prairie fire swept through the area, leaving a gruesome path of destruction of grassland and some crops. This fire started somewhere near Warner and ended near Seven Persons.

Since several of the homesteaders smelt the smoke a few hours before it arrived, the rest were alerted and every one was out plowing fire guards, thus saving their homes and valuable grass.

The early pioneers wore clothes that resemble the Hutterites of today. Their bedding consisted of straw mattresses and feather ticks.

During the dirty 30's several settlers left, looking for a better, more prosperous district, while the rest remained to wait it out, toiling, skimping, saving and trying to hold on to what they had strived for all these years. Food wasn't elaborate, but it was filling. Their main dishes were noodles, eggs, soups, potatoes, wild berries, pork and wild game. They braved through it all, experiencing great hard-

ships, until the better years when everything went well again.

The spirit and co-operation and good neighborliness which existed, was tremendous. There was no one better than anyone else, everyone struggled along the hard way. The whole family pitched in and helped, working and bringing home their wages to be used where it was most needed. There was little money and everyone was poor, but there was lots of friendship and goodwill.

MISSIONARIES AND PRIESTS SERVING THE MISSION OF FAITH

1910

Reverend Father Konrad Meyer O.M.I.

Reverend Father Aloys Rosenthal O.M.I.

Reverend Father Bernard Ibold O.M.I.

Reverend Father Jules Bidault O.M.I.

(Main Missionary)

Reverend Father William Stuhlmann O.M.I.

Reverend Father Hubert Hermes

These were the missionaries from Lethbridge who visited the parish at infrequent intervals.

1911 - Reverend Father Bernard Ibold

1912-1915 Reverend Father Hold O.M.I. and William Stuhlmann O.M.I.

1915-16 Reverend Father Monsignor Edmond McCoy served in emergencies

1916-1927 Reverend Father Jules Bidault O.M.I.

1921 Reverend Father Hubert Hermes O.M.I.

1927-1929 Reverend Father Jacob O.M.I.

1929-1930 Reverend Father Birk O.M.I.

1930-1931 Reverend Father Staman O.M.I.

1931-1936 Reverend Father Aubrey Tennant

1936-1939 Reverend Father Albert Rouleau

1939-1941 Reverend Father Albert Edward Hyatt

1941-1951 Reverend Father Franklin Trudeau

1951-1956 Reverend Father Louis Don Malo

1956-1963 Reverend Father John McNamee

1956 - July 7, 1963 - Reverend Father John McNamee

July 14, 1963 - Reverend Father Gerald Gillis

O.M.I.

Oblates of Mary Immaculate - A congregation of secular priests who, as their name implies, offer themselves to perform any duty that a bishop may assign. The first institution of this character was founded in 1578, when St. Charles Borromeo, archbishop of Milan, organized a band of zealous priests as the Congregation of Oblates of the Blessed Virgin of St. Ambrose. The experiment proved so satisfactory that several other congregations have since organized, conspicuous among which are the Oblates of Italy, an association founded in 1816 to assume control of the mission of eastern Burma; the Oblates of Mary Immaculate was founded in 1816.

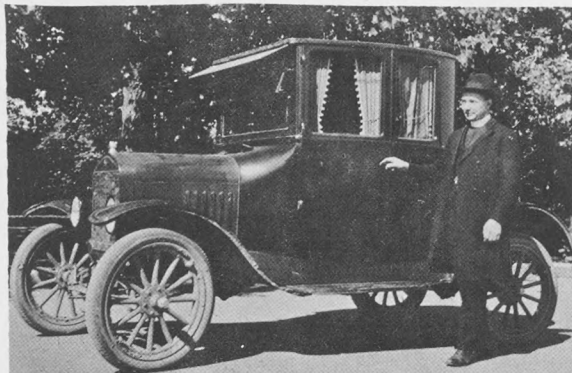
LABORER OF HIS HARVEST

The Faith parishioners have seen many missionaries and priests here during the past 50 years, mostly German speaking at first, as this was the universal language of the early settlers.

One of the first missionaries to hold services

here was Reverend Father Konrad Meyer O.M.I., after which Reverend Father Hold, Aloys Rosenthal, Bernard Ibold, Jules Bidault, William Stuhlmann and Hubert Hermes, all O.M.I.'s of Lethbridge, with Reverend Father Bidault as the main missionary.

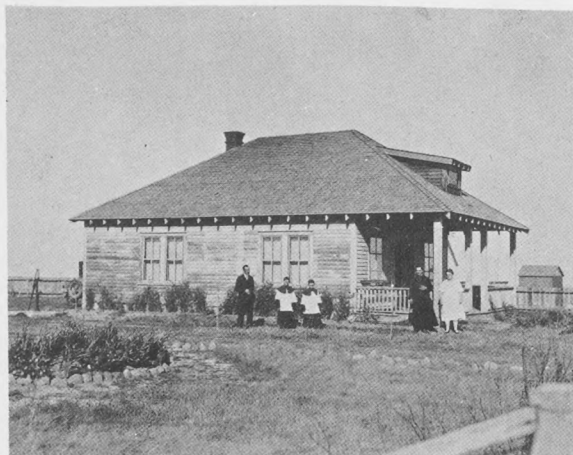
There was a time between November 1915 and 1916 when Reverend Father Monsignor Edmond McCoy of Medicine Hat served in emergencies.



Reverend Father Jules Bidault O.M.I. who served the district for 11 years.

In the early days of 1916 Father Bidault was placed in charge.

At times Father Bidault accompanied John Tunstall of Bow Island to Faith in the Tunstall McLaughlin Buick. During several occasions some of the settlers met Father at Warner with horse-drawn buggy or sleigh, as the season permitted.



Rectory in Nemiskam where Father Bidault resided and held services. His two altar boys, Tony Rarick and Patrick Kearns, and two parishioners.

In November 1925, His Lordship Bishop Kidd bought a house in Nemiskam, which was then the centre of a large Catholic population, and intended to have it as a residence of a priest who would minister to the catholic population of the surrounding district.

Thus in 1927, Father Bidault was placed in charge and took up residence there, serving the districts of Faith, Foremost, Etzikom, St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's.

In March 1927, under the direction of Father Bidault, a porch was built onto the main entrance of the Faith Church. The Bell tower was constructed by Mr. Mike Souer, (Louis' father)

Father Bidault furnished the bell, which once belonged to a school. New pews and kneeling benches were constructed of planks. Jack Cosly of Bow Island, made the braces for these. Father Bidault was replaced sometime in November 1927 by Reverend Father Jacob. Father Bidault is at present residing at Edmonton, and is nearing his 81st birthday.

Reverend Father Jacob served the mission from 1929 until 1930, when Reverend Father Birk replaced him. It was during this time that the balcony was constructed.

Rev. Father Staman served until 1931 when Reverend Father Aubrey Tennant served until 1936. Reverend Father Albert Roulough made his residence in the Etzikom Hotel and Telephone Office, which was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil. This was more centralized at that time, as Masses were offered at Conquerville and Manyberries.



Reverend Father A.E. Hyatt.

In August 1939 he was replaced by Reverend Father E.A. Hyatt, who resided in the Lawrence Mitzel home. Father Hyatt served until 1941 when he was called for army chaplain, leaving with Canadian troops for overseas during World War 2. He was replaced by Reverend Father Franklin Trudeau, who again made his residential home in the Etzikom Hotel. About 1942, Father Trudeau purchased a small house in Foremost, for more conveniences.

It was during his services that a severe windstorm hit Etzikom, completely demolishing the St. Gabriel's Church there. He purchased a school and remodeled it to some extent.

He started the renovating and extension of the Faith Church in 1947. A basement was dug and cemented and the Church was moved onto it. A new steeple, sacresty, steps, a new chimney was constructed, and the church received a complete paint job inside and out. With the co-operation of the parishioners supporting financially and personally, with money

that had been raised by the Altar Society down through the years, finances were met. It took about three years to complete the church.

During the services the Catholic Women's League was also formed, on May 25, 1948. Reverend Father Franklin Trudeau was called to Calgary to serve a French speaking parish there, being replaced by Reverend Father Louis Don Malo, who in 1952 had the Faith Church completely renovated, and modernized once more. New floor, statue bases, altar remodeling, Sacresty and Sanctuary, woodwork, shingles and a repaint job was done inside and out. A carpet was installed on the altar steps. Tile was laid down the centre of the isle and the balcony was remodeled. He replaced the old coal heater with an automatic propane circulating heater. New pews and kneeling benches, lights and Calgary power was installed. He also landscaped the yard, which now boasts a beautiful picturesque scene. Joe Dorn'er was the head carpenter as once again the parishioners contributed and co-operated. Father Malo purchased a larger house in Foremost and served missions of Foremost, Etzikom, Granlea, St. Joseph's and Faith.

Father Malo started the first afternoon masses about 1956 and a Mass every Sunday.

The C.Y.O. was formed and the Holy Name Society. He renovated and completely remodeled the Foremost Church.



Rev. Father John McNamee, who served the Missions of Faith and Manyberries.

Father McNamee organized the construction of a new modern split level rectory at Foremost in February 1958; completely remodeled and renovated the St. Gabriel's Church at Etzikom; had the old Foremost Church moved to Manyberries and dedicated to St. Leo; and gave the Faith Church a face lifting by having stained glass windows installed and a repainting of the roof and outside woodwork, with Joe Dorner as head Carpenter again.

Father McNamee started the Dialogue Mass, and was the instigator to forming the Knights of Columbus.

THE FIRST FAMILIES



Mr. and Mrs. Liborius Marthaller, both passed on.

LIBORIUS MARTHALLER was born in Spire, Russia. He married Phillipina Krug on June 9, 1873. They were one of the first families to arrive in Canada in 1909. He died on July 10, 1946 at the age of 79. She died on June 30, 1953, at the age of 80. They had



Sister Margaret, Father Malo and Sister Mary Peter, Arlene Dixon, Shiela Mitzel and Carol Harty.

In 1957 Father Malo was stationed to Canmore, Alberta. Reverend Father John McNamee replaced him, serving the missions of Foremost, Granlea, Etzikom, St. Leo's, Faith and the Experimental Station at Mannyberries, until 1961 when due to lack of parishioners the doors closed at St. Leo's and Granlea became a Mission of Bow Island.

six children, Frances born in Rosedale, Russia, and married Valentine Degenstein; Michael was born in Calmagera, Russia. He married Margaret Degenstein. They had nine children. Margaret died on December 19, 1953. He re-married and lives in Calgary. John was born in Bowdle, S.D. He married Constance Viney. They have two children and live in Lethbridge. Simon was born in Bowdle and married Beota Scherer. Joseph married Elizabeth Rarick. They have eight children and live at Bowness. Katherine married John Scherer.

MIKE DORSEY was born in Seaforth, Ontario. He married Sarah Smyth. They came to Winnipeg in 1890 and to this area in 1909. They had nine children. (Bud) John married Annetta McClean. Annie married John Nolan. They had two children. Irene married Bill Thiel. The others are Mae (Young), Margie (O'Neil), Laura (Taite) and Smith.



The Herbst Family; Mary Rose, Magdalena, Margaret, Martha, Tony, John, Nick and Math.

MATHIAS HERBST was born in Crimea. He married Magdalena Ehnes. They came to Canada on April 16, 1910. They had 11 children. She died on April 16, 1925. He remarried Monica Schmidt on July 13, 1937. He died on March 5, 1958. Monica lives in Medicine Hat. Mary was born in Russia. She married Frank Harty. They have six children and retired to Lethbridge in November 1957. Anton was born in Russia. He married Frances Koch. They have seven children. John was born in Russia. He married Claudia Harty. They have seven children. Nick was born in Russia. He married Lena Voellershine. They have three children. Rosie married John Harty and have six children. Magdalena married W. Plishka. They have one child and live at Vancouver. Margaret married Henry Scherer. They have four children. Martha married John Connor. They have one child and live at Lethbridge. She is a school teacher. Math married Ethel Owens. They have four children and live at Warner.



The Feist Family; Katie, Nick, Annie, Joe, Josephine, Nick Sr. and Frances.

FIRST EXPERIENCES

BY NICK FEIST

Mr. Feist who is our oldest pioneer in the district, left Crimea, Russia in October 1909, sailing for about 20 days, he stopped over in S.D. in November 1909. Nick came by train to Lethbridge on January 10, 1910, filed his claim and came to the Faith area with John, Jake and Roy Harty in a horse-drawn wagon. The Harty boys had been here since 1909 to squat land for their parents and the rest of the family.

At the age of 13, Nick had to remain out of school to earn his living as his parents couldn't afford to give him an education, since only the rich could attend school there.

He worked in the fields with oxen and walked behind the plow putting in long hours in order to earn money enough for food and clothing.

As he grew older he saved some of his money out of the \$75 he received during each year. By the time he was 21 he had to serve in the army for three years.

When he heard Mathias Herbst was leaving for America, he decided to go with him. That year he received a share from a five acre plot and sailed for America.

Nick left for Medicine Hat in 1910 (which was then about the size of Foremost). Since he couldn't speak English, he, on seeing men digging trenches, picked up a shovel and demonstrated. Nick got the job, alongside of about 1500 other men, digging sewer trenches, receiving \$3.50 a day, working from seven to five. Room and board was then about \$20.00 a month.

He worked there for two years then went to Regina and to Moose Jaw. After saving enough money, he came back here and bought the necessary machinery to work his land. He built a one room shack on his homestead directly South and West of the Faith Church.

Using Henry Ehnes horses, he broke his land and returned the favor by working for him. That fall he joined a threshing crew along with Henry Ehnes, Simon, Phillip and Leo Bosch, Jacob Scherer, Alex and Dave Fritz, Joe and John Moch, and Lawrence Mitzel, with Mrs. Mitzel as the cook. They left for Fort Benton, where they threshed for Mr. Berringer and several other farmers.

Nick came home and harvested his own crop which he hauled with horse drawn wagon to Warner and

later to Bow Island. These trips took approximately three days with overnight stops at either Steve Nickolas, George Gaetz, George Roth or Joe Deipert's farm where they fed, watered and rested their horses.

Nick married Frances Torscher on May 31, 1916. They had six children. Nick was the janitor of the Church for 35 years. Frances died on January 19, 1961 at the age of 66. Joe married Brunhilda Schneider and they have one son. John married Millie Blinco. They have two children and live at Milk River. Annie married Peter Greenwald who died on November 2, 1944. She remarried George Haaf and lives at Port Coquitlam, B.C. Katie married Bill Kozma. They have one son. She taught school for seven years. Nick married Marylou Vonbrock. They have three children and live in Calgary. Josephine married George Fauth and they have three children.

These pioneers have come a long way since settling and starting from scratch, but Mr. Feist feels they have accomplished much and the few of them that are left realize the progress and changes that have come about and accepted them for the good of themselves and their children.



The Jacob Scherer Family; Henry, Beota, Jacob, Christina, Johnny and George.

JACOB SCHERER was born in Dulath, Russia. He married Christine Scherer. They came to Canada on March 1, 1910. They had four children. Jacob died on September 10, 1935. She remarried George Schmidt, who died on February 20, 1962. She lives at Canmore. Henry married Margaret Herbst. They have four children and operate the Faith Post Office. George married Celestina Delsnider. They have three children, and live at Regina. Beota married Simon Marthaller. They have eight children and live at Taber. John married Katherine Marthaller. They have four children and live at Calgary.

IGNATZ GAETZ was born in Odessa, Russia. He came to Canada on March 27, 1910. He married Anna Mary Ehnes. They had 11 children. She died on ^{Nov.} October 28, 1954. He remarried Phillis Haag. Magdalena married John Lyczewski. They have four children and farm at Bow Island. Joe joined the Army overseas in 1941, returning in 1945. He married Jean McCarry. They have three girls. Joe died on October 7, 1956. John served in the Airforce from 1940 until 1945. He married Grace Lee. They have three children and live in Calgary. George married Lottie Mastel. They have five children and live in the



The Gaetz Family; John Lyczewski, Magdalena and Bobby, Katie, Joe, Lawrence, Rose, Bernadette, George, Ralph and Pius. Front row; Ignatz, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaetz and Anna Mari.

John Ehnes Sr. Homestead. Rose married Bill Anderson. They have two children and live in Calgary. Ralph married Theresa McCaffrey. They have three children and live in Calgary. Lawrence and Pius are both single. Bernadette married Jim Mastel. They have six children and farm at Conquerville. Katie married Gordon Thielen. They have four children and farm at Milk River.

ROY HEARN was born in Warsaw, Indiana. He came to Canada in 1908. Roy was the first teacher who taught in the Ehnes School, which was later named Hoping. He married Mary Voeller and they had one son. Roy died on March 17, 1948. Jim married Myrtle Iredale and they have four children.

CHARLIE HALLIAND was born in Michigan. He married Julia Dennison. They had nine children. They came to Canada in April 1910. Charlie died on February 4, 1942. She died in April 1945. Earl married Sylvia Shook. They have four children and live at Warner. Mary married Rudolph Klotz. They had six children. He died on February 17, 1963. She now lives in Lethbridge. Nellie married Lonie Klotz. They have six children and live at Bozeman, Montana. Gertrude married Emil Wernik. He died in 1961. Dennie married Regina Collins. They have one child and live at Lethbridge. Clarence married Willa Blake. Jim married Inez Johnson. Bessie married Everette Tongue.

JOE MOCH was born in Russia. He married Monica Jangula. They arrived in Canada in 1910. They had 13 children. She died on November 6, 1934. Joe died on April 16, 1937. Their children were: Phylipina, Bertha, John, Anton, Katherine and Zillia, who live in Saskatchewan; Frances, Monica, Simon and Joe Jr., who all live in Alberta.

LAWRENCE MITZEL was born in Russia. He married Monica Senger. They had three children. He came to N.D. in May 1905 and to Canada in May

1910. Monica died on December 27, 1944. He remarried Oza Noble. [REDACTED] Lawrence died on August 22, 1961. Pauline married Jake Kultzen and had four children. They retired to Foremost. Joseph was born in the States. He married Margareta Wolfe. They have six children. Leo married Esther Qually. They had three children. Leo died on July 28, 1948. Esther remarried Doc Walker and lives at High River.

ALEXANDER AND DAVE FRITZ were born in Gali Russia and came to Canada in June 1911. Dave married Catherine Klein. They have 10 children and live in Taber.

SIMON BOSCH was born in Russia and came to Canada in 1910. He married Magdalena Kanig. They had 12 children. Simon died on October 8, 1948. Leo married Cecilia Fauth. They had eight children. He died several years ago. She lives at Knappin, Alberta. Joe Bosch remarried Mrs. Fritz. They had three children. Phillip married Philipina Moch. They have both died. Christina married Jake Harty. George was another brother who arrived with them.



The Fauth Family; Minnie, Katie, Annie, George, Caroline, Helen and Mrs. Michael Fauth.

MIKE FAUTH was born in Rosenthal, Russia. He married Katherine Krug. They came to Canada on February 20, 1910. They had 11 children. Mike died on March 29, 1939. She died on November 3, 1961. Cecilia married Leo Bosch. They had eight children. Leo died several years ago. Katherine married Carl Karl. They had seven children and live at Lethbridge. Annie married Joe Kambeitz. They have seven children and live at Grassy Lake. Irene married Fred Voeller. They have two children. George married Josephine Feist. Caroline married Gus Karl. They have two children. Helen married Tom Comletz. They have five children and live at Grassy Lake. Monica married Joe Fettig. They have three children and live at Grassy Lake.

ANTON FIITTERER was born in Russia. He married Katherine Kelsch. They arrived in Canada on June 2, 1911. They had six children. Anton died on November 26, 1940. Katherine retired to St. Joseph's Home where she died on October 12, 1957. Mary married John Fettig. They had six children and live in Taber. Sophia married Alexander Kanig. Alexander Fiitterer

died on October 20, 1920. Anton Jr. married Annie Unser. They had six children. Annie died on May 10, 1962. He remarried on June 15, 1963, and lives in Medicine Hat.



The Anton Fiitterer family: Alexander, Katherine Kelsch and Anton Sr. (all passed away) Anton Jr. Mary and Sophia.

VALENTINE DEGENSTEIN was born in Odessa, Russia. He came to Canada in November 1905, settling in the Foremost area. He married Frances Marthaller settling in the area about 1917. Their children are Katie, John, Phyllis, Bertha, Mary, Betty, Louis and Lena.

VICTOR TACHIDA was born in Burgenland, Austria. He came to St. Paul, U.S.A. on March 1, 1906, and came to Canada in 1911. He married Magdalena Harty. They had nine children. They moved to Mt. Angelus, Oregon in August 1923. She died on November 8, 1931. Victor remarried several years ago. Leo Frank and Johnny live at Oregon. Emilia (Weldon Campbell) lives in Seattle. Joe married Lee Terty. They have seven children and live in Medicine Hat. Victor lives at Edson and is not married. Grace lives in Portland and is married to Adam Heinaman. Bertha is a teacher, at present is teaching in Germany. Edward lives in Portland. Six of his children served in the armed forces overseas.

ROCHUS HARTY our oldest settler came to Canada in the spring of 1910. They had eight children. John married Annie Wolfe and had nine children. Jake married Christina Bosch. They have seven children. Roy married Eva Leible. The three boys came to Canada in 1909. Felix married Katie Voeller. The other children were Fred, Frank, Martin and Jenny, who married Stephen Nickolas. They had eight children and live at Bow Island.



The Martin Harty Family

MARTIN HARTY was born in Odessa, Russia. He married Eva Rix. They came to Canada in March 1910. They had six children. Eva died on December 13, 1932. Martin remarried Katherine Malsam, retiring to Foremost in October 1943. He died on July 9, 1944. She died on September 11, 1961.

Joe was born in County Loyalton S.D. He married Katy Arendt. They had four children. George married Annie Lipp. They have one daughter and live in Foremost. Tom married Bertha Schnell. They have three children and live at Milk River. John married Katie Schnell. They had six children. John died on June 23, 1962. Wendlin married Ann Segn. They have six children and farm at Massinasin.

ROY HARTY married Eva Leible. Roy remarried Magdalena Bosch and live at Unity, Saskatchewan. They had nine children. Cletus (Kaup), Roy, Julia, who married John Hoffart. They have three children and live at Turin. Pete, Jake, Christina who married Clyd Kimmet, Dorothy married Albert Strain and Rosemary who married James Kiman.



Frank and Marion Harty

FRANK HARTY was born in Odessa, Russia. He married Marion Gabriel. They came to Canada on April 10, 1910. They had 14 children. Frank died on August 29, 1929. Marian died on August 8, 1948. Magdalena married Victor Tachido, Frank Jr. married Mary Herbst. They had six children and retired to Lethbridge on November 1, 1957. Ferdinand married Anna Mary Ehnes. They had two children. Mary died on September 17, 1931. He remarried Katie Torscher. They had six children. Claudia married John Herbst. They had eight children. Andrew married Barbara Satanick. They have seven children and live in Medicine Hat. Jacob remained single. George married Regina Voeller. They have five children. George served in the army overseas for three years. Christina married Gabriel Ehnes. Anton married Phyllis Tumback. They have four children. John married Rose Herbst. They have six children. Marcus was born on December 8, 1908.

JOHN KANIG married Rosie Voeller. They had five daughters and live in Medicine Hat. Balzar married Catherine Schafer. They had six children and live in Medicine Hat. Frank married Odilia Schmaltz. They have four children and live in Medicine Hat. Magdalena married Simon Bosch. They had six children. She remarried Roy Harty on August 30, 1953. Jeneveve married George Bosch. They had six children. He died in 1957. Alexandras as well as the

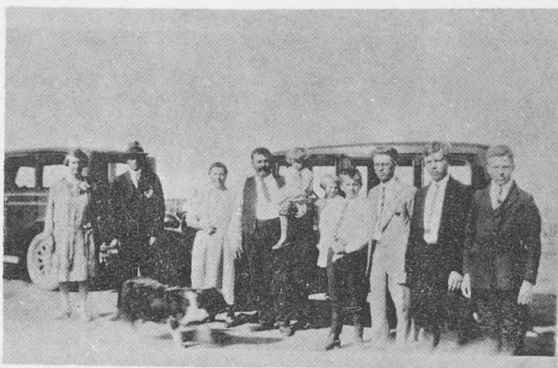
rest of the family, was born in Siberia, Russia. He married Sophia Fiitterer. They had seven children. Toney married Barbara Harty. They have five children. Katie married Robert Black. They have six children and live in Australia. Frances married Harold Barrett. They have one son and live in Edmonton. Mary married Joe Budinski. They have four children and live in Edmonton. Martha lives in Edmonton. Lawrence lives with his parents and is single. Dorthy married Math Harty.

ANTON KERNER was born in Odessa. He came to Canada in 1911. He married Magdalena Torscher. They moved to Bow Island where he farmed and operated a school bus. They had 12 children: Anne (Carson Baily), Julia (Jack Medhurst) Joe, John, William, Lawrence, Anton, Henry, Katherine (Al Davis), Andy and Emily.



The John Sr. family. - Back Row: Katherina, Anna, (?), Jacobina; Front row: George, Magdalena holding Maryann, Eleonora, John holding Nick and Henry.

JOHN EHNES was born in Crimea, Russia. He married Magdalena Nigum. They had nine children. Magdalena died in Russia in May 9, 1904. John remarried Frances Kanig. She had six children from her previous marriage. They came to Canada with both their families on June 3, 1911. John died on



The George Ehnes Family; Mary and Ferinand Harty, Clara and George Sr. holding Maggie, Bertha, Gabriel, George Jr., John and Pius.

June 3, 1936. Frances died some time later. Henry married Margaret Kelch. They had 11 children, moving to the U.S.A. in 1915. George married Clara Boob. They had ten children. George died on April 18, 1932. Clara died on November 6, 1950. George Jr. married Mary Lyczewski. They have two children. ~~She died on September 17, 1982.~~ John married Ila Robinson. They have one son and farm near Foremost. Pius married Thekla Schaff. They have five children and live on the old homestead. Gabriel married Christina Harty. They have three children and live at Fort Kent. Bertha married Edward Folden. They have two sons and live at Picture Butte. Magdalena married Ted Shade. They have three children and live at Edmonton.

ELENORA married Rochus Schlosser. They had eight children. He died on June 7, 1959. Their children are: Julia, Mary Adam, Lena John, George, Henry



The Nick Ehnes Family with their daughter, Sister Bernedene who is a Sister in the Prelate Convent.

and Regina. Nick married Bertha Moch. They have nine children: Monica, Matilda, Sister Bernadene (who is in the Prelate Convent), Magdalena, Frances, John, Joe, Peter, Anton and Anne. Nick died on June 7, 1963.

ANNA MARI married Ignatz Gaetz. Katerine, Anna and Jacobina remained in Russia.

TONY NARKOSI arrived in 1909. He came from Poland.

SETTLERS WHO ARRIVED LATER

JOE DORNER was born in Neckenmarket Buranland, Austria. He arrived in Canada with his pal Rudolph in 1927. He married Helen Lyczewski. Joe is a carpenter and a farmer who has been a credit to the Church and community, building, assisting, remodeling and constructing projects for the rectory and the Churches in the Parish. They have three

children. Marie married Harold Giesler, and has one son and live in Calgary. Pauline lives in Edmonton and Albert who lives with his parents.



During the Jubilee Mass celebration Bishop Carroll presented Joe with a merit of citation and a Gold medal from the late Supreme Pontiff, Pope John XIII for those who merit well for their singular Christian endeavors.

RUDOLPH KIRSCHBAUM married Annie Torcher. They had three daughters. He died on January 9, 1953. Barbara married Joe Pique. They have two children. Julia married Ruhben Seefried. Clara is attending school in Foremost.

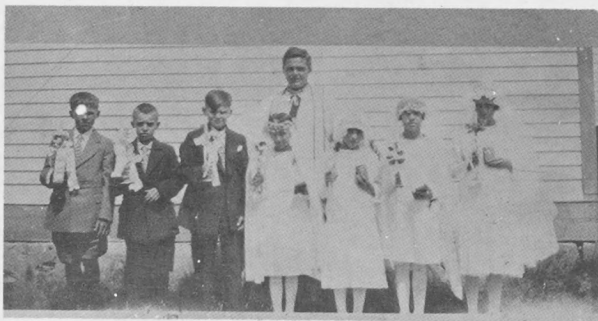
FRANK DORNER AND JOHN KIRSCHBAUM were both born in Neckenmarket, Austria. They came to Canada in April 11, 1930. Frank married Mary Butner. They have seven children. He lives in Edmonton. John remained single.

ALEXANDER BARTH was born in Waldorf, Russia. He married Pauline Zimmerling. They came to Canada on April 15, 1930. They had five children. They moved to Camrose on November 1942. He died on March 25, 1958. Elizabeth was the oldest and born in Russia. Lydia was also born in Russia. She married Clifford Movold. They have two children and live in Edmonton. Alex married Norma Elliot. They have two children, and live at Edmonton. Alex died on September 16, 1962. Leo married Irene Waldron. They have two children and live at Edmonton. Leo died on February 5, 1959. John married Nancy Coffey. They have two children and live in Edmonton.

SIGMOND BRITTNER arrived in Canada in 1930 from Russia. They had eight children and live in Medicine Hat.



First Holy Communion Candidates: Gabriel Ehnes, John Scherer, Joe Gaetz, Anton Harty, Father Jules Bideault, Mildred Determan, Martha Herbst, Annie Bosch and Helen Fauth.



First Communion, July 1928: John Gaetz, John Feist, Math Herbst, Christina Harty, Father Jacob, Phyllis Degenstein, Minnie Fauth and Katie Degenstein.

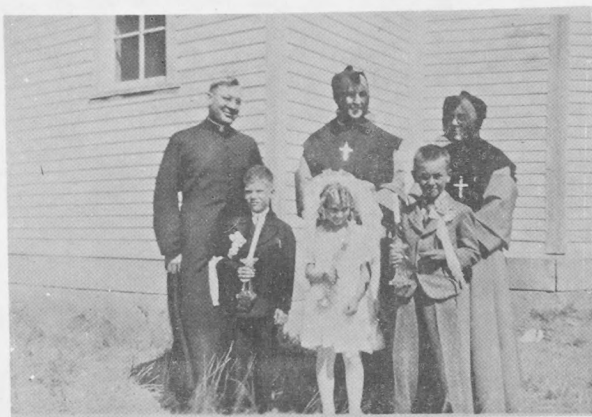


First Communion, July 1932: Katie Feist, George Harty, Rose Gaetz, Bertha Ehnes, Bertha Degenstein, Father Aubrey Tennant, George Bosch and Maggie Gaetz.



First Communion May 30, 1937.

Back row: Agnes Herbst, Mary Tessy, Mary Fiitterer, Barbara Harty, Frances King, Father Rouleau, Mary Dogenstein, Lydia Barth. Front row: Josephine Feist, Pius Gaetz, James Hearn, and Johnny Marthaller.



Father Trudeau, two Sisters of the Grey Nuns, Richard Ehnes, Delores Herbst and Bobby Scherer.



Reverend Father John McNamee and his First Communion candidates, Eddy and Brenton Harty, Pearl Goehring and Deborah Ehnes, Sister Gonzaga, Father McNamee and Sister Leonard Marie.



The congregation who attended Church in Faith about 1914.



Father Hyatt's first wedding in this parish, Mr. and Mrs. Pius Ehnes and some of the congregation.



Confirmation Days 1940

PRE-CHURCH DAYS

After the Catholics arrived one of the first big problems was where to worship and get in touch with the priest, who could understand them and give them services once in a little while.

In the meantime they congregated in homes during visits, Sundays and holidays, to recite the Rosary, Litany and read the gospel. The first such sessions was held in the Simon Krug home (brother of Mrs. Fauth) with Henry Ehnes leading the prayers and reading a chapter from the Holy Bible.

Mathias Herbst and George Ehnes performed the burial services for several infants.

An Oblate Missionary Reverend Father Konrad Meyers O.M.I. of Lethbridge was the first missionary sent to them. He arrived at infrequent intervals in 1910. The first Mass was celebrated in the Henry Ehnes tent where a crude altar was erected by stretching a binder canvas over posts (later a table was used).

When the John Ehnes house was erected (the present George Gaetz residence) Mass was offered in this house. The settlers were all good Church goers and attended faithfully and gratefully.

They travelled by horse drawn buggies, wagons, stone-boats, horse back riding and on foot for this was their only means of transportation, a far cry from to-days transportation.

Several of the first baptisms were: Joseph L. Bosch, son of Simon and Magdalena Kanig; Andrew Harty, son of Frank Sr. and Marion Gabriel; George Fauth, son of Michael and Katherine Krug; George Harty, son of Martin and Eva Fise. These infants were all baptized on July 16, 1911. Lawrence Marthaller, son of Liborius and Phyllipina Krug; Barbara Eleonora Ehnes, daughter of Henry and Margaret Kelch were baptized on June 29, 1912. Anton Moch son of Joseph and Monica Jangula was baptized on June 14, 1912. Magdalena Herbst, daughter of Mathias and Magdalena Ehnes was baptized on September 9, 1912. Jacob Fritz, son of Alex and Katherine Bosch was baptized on October 13, 1912.

Some of the infants were baptized by their parents until a priest arrived.

The first recorded marriage was that of Jacob Harty and Christina Bosch, who were married at Alterado, in the Henry Ehnes residence on October 14, 1912, with Roy Harty and Phyllippina Moch as witnesses and Father Meyer officiating.

The next marriage took place in the John Ehnes residence and was that of Eleonora Ehnes, a daughter of John Ehnes and Magdalena Nigum, and Rochus Schlasser of Grassy Lake, on May 12, 1913 with Father Meyer officiating.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH

The construction of the Church took place in the fall of 1912. The pioneers called a meeting at the home of John Ehnes, to determine the jobs each man was to participate in.

Michael Fauth, Frank Harty Sr. and George Ehnes Sr. hauled the lumber, nails and bricks to the site, with horse drawn wagons, from the Baker and Yetze Lumber Company at Warner, while Victor Tachido hauled out the windows. These trips necessitated a three day journey.



The George Gaetz residence, former home of John Ehnes where some of the first Church services and weddings were held.

The foundation was laid and soon the skeleton of the Church began to take shape, which could be seen for miles around. On seeing this it gave the settlers more hope and courage to brave the future. It was a slow uphill tedious job. Since crude hand tools were used.

The chimney was constructed by Mathias Herbst, assisted by Nick Ehnes. Crude benches were arranged with one four by ten foot planks. The Altar was purchased by John Ehnes and his sons Henry, George and Nick.

After its completion, Nick Feist, Victor Tachido, Michael Fauth and Nick Ehnes sponsored a dance and basket social which netted enough funds to paint the Church.

Everyone co-operated in the construction of the Church which was finally completed and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, sometime in September 1913.

Thus stands the little white Church on the summit of a hill, a landmark of the first settlers of Faith.

AND DEDICATED SACRED HEART CHURCH

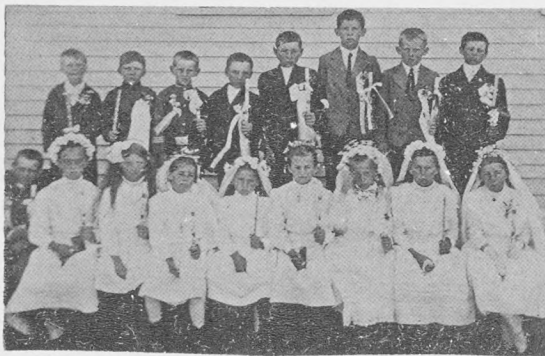


Some of the members of the Faith congregation after the completion of the Faith Church by our parents in 1913.

It was a great day as happy parishioners marched into the Church while the bell tolled and the doors opened for the first time after its completion with the first Mass celebrated by Reverend Father Konrad Meyer O.M.I.

The first marriage performed in the newly erected Church was that of Philip Bosch and Philypina Moch, on October 14, 1914, with Father Meyer officiating. Leo Bosch and Cecilia Fauth were the second couple who were married on February 28, 1915 by Father William Stuhlmann. The third couple was that of George Bosch and Jennie Kanig, by Father Jules Bidault.

The following infants were baptized on October 5, 1913: John Ehnes, son of George and Clara Boob; Pete Bosch, son of Simon and Magdalena Kanig; Henry Ehnes, son of Henry and Margaret Kelch; Caroline Fauth, daughter of Michael and Katherine Krug.



The very first candidates who received Holy Communion in the Faith Church on July 19, 1914, with Father Konrad Meyer as Celebrant.

Back row: Ferdinand Harty, Toney and Alex Fiitterer, Joe and Tom Harty, John Herbst, John Marthaller, Joe Voeller, Tony Herbst. Front row: Julia Voeller, Katie Ehnes, Claudia Harty, Frances Moch, Alice Ehnes, Katie Fauth, Pauline Mitzel and Katie Moch.

The first Communion Service was held on July 19, 1914.

The first recorded Confirmation Service was held in 1915 by Bishop John McNally. The second recorded confirmation was also administered by the same Bishop on July 2, 1917. There were 25 boys and 12 girls who received the Sacrament. The third service was held on June 16, 1921 with 17 boys and 7 girls as candidates and Bishop McNally officiating. The fourth confirmation service was held July 27, 1926 with Bishop Kidd administering the Sacrament and 13 boys and 10 girls taking part.

The first burial was that of Mrs. Christina Bosch, which was on February 22, 1918. The first recorded burial was that of Alexander Fiitterer on October 22, 1920, who died at the age of 17 years. Rochus Harty was the second in March 1, 1922, who died at the age of 79, and the third burial was that of Magdalena Herbst on April 14, 1925. She died at the age of 44.

Several of the infants that died during the absence of the priest were buried by the parishioners with one of the men leading the prayers.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

One of the first organizations of the Church dates back 50 years ago, when the men organized to discuss the construction of the Church. This was under the direction of Reverend Father Konrad Meyer O.M.I. Since the Missionary visited the parish at short infrequent intervals, he appointed Henry Ehnes, Mathias Herbst and Anton Fiitterer Sr. as the first Trustees.

The first meeting was held at the home of John Ehnes Sr. sometime in April, 1912, when it was decided to collect \$25.00 from each family in order to purchase materials to build the Church. Most of the settlers paid the money at the meeting and for the remaining who did not attend. Henry Ehnes drove around and collected the fee. Co-operation then, as it is today, has never changed.

FIRST TRUSTEES

Many trustees have changed hands since the first three that were elected. From 1915 to 1933 the following served as trustees down through the years: Anton Fiitterer Sr., George Ehnes Sr., Frank Harty Sr., Nick Feist Sr., Simon Bosch, Lawrence Mitzel, Roy Hearn, Mathias Herbst and several others whom we couldn't recall, but all worked hard doing their best.

The building committee was organized about 1941 with Lawrence Mitzel, Mathias Herbst Sr., John Herbst and Frank Harty 2nd.

In 1958, Lawrence Mitzel, John Herbst and Toney Fiitterer 2nd served on this committee until 1959. Math Harty, Toney Kanig and Joseph Harty Jr. served until 1962, when Toney Herbst Jr., Lawrence Kanig and Alexander Fiitterer were elected and are the present Trustees.



Trustees: Alex Fiitterer, Lawrence King and Toney Herbst Jr. Front Row, Jubilee Historians: John Herbst and Alex King.

At one time during the regime of Father Louis Malo, an active C.Y.O. had been formed, which later was dissolved due to lack of young teenagers, as they attended High School elsewhere. He also organized the Holy Name Society, which was also dissolved as almost every Catholic man in the district joined the Knights of Columbus on June 6, 1961, during Father McNamee's services. They were granted a Charter Council No. 4942 under the name of "Our Lady of the Prairies", under the direction of Eddy Torsher of Bow Island. The District Deputy at that time and State Deputy - Leonard Hergatt. The officers at that time were: Chaplain, Reverend Father John McNamee, Herb Garber, Grand Knight; Theo (Tim) Hammel, Deputy Grand Knight; Chancellor, Frank Garber; Recording Secretary, Math Harty; Financial Secretary, Archie MacPhail; Treasurer, Jack Schavemaker; Lecturer, Henry Novy; Advocate, George Hoverling; Warden, Joseph Stappler; Inside Guards, Richard Ehnes and Simon Hammel; Outside Guard, Charles Herbst; and the Trustees were George Schile, Joseph Harty Sr. and Mat Bernhardt.

The present officers from the Faith district are: Joe Mitzel, Warden; Math Harty, Advocate; Toney King, Inside Guard; Alex King, Trustee, and George Harty, Sick Convener.

Credit must be given to the officers and members of these organizations who have generously given their time and contributions to further the social and maternal welfare of the Parish.

The Altar Society formed almost automatically after the Church was constructed, since altar linens had to be washed and cared for, the Church kept clean etc. Flowers were hand made by several of the ladies. There were no records kept as the ladies went ahead and did the best they knew how, and the men took care of the financial end, until January 16, 1930 when the ladies held the first meeting of the Altar Society at the home of Mr. Mathias Herbst. Executives were elected and were: president, Mrs. Lawrence Mitzel; secretary - treasurer, Miss Rose (John Harty) Herbst, under the direction of Father Birk. On September 18, 1931 new officers were elected who were: president, Mrs. Pauline Kulgen, vice-president, Mrs. Nick Feist; and Miss Margaret (Henry Scherer) Herbst as secretary - treasurer. After this there were no meetings called until 1934, they were under the direction of Father Tennant. On March 10, money that had been received from a play, dances and lunches was deposited in the bank for the first time. In June it was decided to have the books audited, to hire Mrs. Nick Feist for the Church janitor and to have both the president and secretary sign all cheques. On August 1, 1935 a motion was made to charge 25¢ for membership fee. The new officers for August 9, 1936 were president, Magdalena Herbst; Secretary, Pauline Kugen. Approximately 34 members joined. Altar Society executives down through the years were: Mrs. Martin Harty, Mrs. John Harty, Mrs. Leo Mitzel, Mrs. Johnny Scherer, Mrs. Nick Feist, Mrs. Frank Harty, Mrs. Gabriel Ehnes, Mrs. Pius Ehnes, Mrs. Joseph Mitzel, Mrs. Andrew Harty, Mrs. Toney Herbst, Mrs. Toney Fiitterer, Mrs. George Ehnes, Mary (George Goehring) Fiitterer.

On September 12, 1947, the Altar Society was dissolved and the Ladies on May 25, 1948, under the direction of Father Trudeau, joined the Catholic Womens League and received their charter #1131

on September 24, 1948 with Mrs. Frank Harty president and Miss Josephine Feist (Fauth) as secretary treasurer, Mrs. Alex Kanig was then vice-president.

On February 11, 1949 Father Trudeau presented the C.W.L. with a statue of our Lady of Fatima.

The executives changed hands many times down through the years, working hard and faithfully to keep up the aims of the C.W.L. and realize funds for Church maintenance.

Officers who have served during the past years were: Mrs. Joe Mitzel, Mrs. Nick Feist, Mrs. Toney King, Mrs. Waldo Dixon, Mrs. Henry Scherer, Mrs. George Baugh, Mrs. Toney Harty, Mrs. Pius Ehnes, Clara Garber, Mrs. Ferdinand Harty, Mrs. Joe Harty, Mrs. Johnny (Katie) Harty, Mrs. John Ehnes, Father L. Malo, Mrs. Math Harty, Mrs. Helen Dorner and Mrs. John Harty. The present officers are: president, Mrs. Anton Herbst, vice - president, Mrs. Joe Harty Sr., secretary, Mrs. Math Harty and treasurer, Mrs. Henry Scherer, with Father McNamee as director.

These ladies have given generously of their time, efforts and talents to the religious, financial, and social activities and projects of the Faith Sacred Heart Church.



Catholic Womens League executive: President, Mrs. Toney (Frances) Herbst; Vice - Pres. Mrs. Joe (Katie) Harty; Sec. Mrs. Math (Dorothy) Harty, Treas. Mrs. Henry (Margaret) Scherer

ALTAR BOYS

At the time the Church was first constructed Henry Ehnes served the priest at the Altar, Anton, his son, served until 1915, after which Alex Kanig and Toney Herbst Sr. served for a number of years until Henry Scherer and Joe Bosch served. Joe and John Feist, John, Pius and Gabriel Ehnes and George and Johnny Scherer served during the regime of Father Bidault. Frank Herbst, John and Joe and Ralph Gaetz, Nick Feist Jr. and Frank Fiitterer served during Father Rouleau's time. Jim and Bobby Scherer, Gerald Herbst, Frank Harty, Richard and Larry Ehnes, Paul Feist, Richard Herbst, Richard and Ronnie Harty served Father Trudeau, Father Malo

and Father McNamee, after which Leonard Mitzel, Albert Dorner, Eddy Ehnes, Toney Herbst Jr. Michael and Conrad Harty served. The present Altar Boys are: Michael, Eddy, Bruce, Peter and Brenton Harty, Eddy Ehnes, and Gary King.



Altar Boys, eddie Ehnes, Michael, Peter and Bruce Harty, and Gary King.

THE CONRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

The first Christian Doctrine in the early pioneer days was taught by Henry Ehnes in 1914, to prepare the First Communion candidates. Later it was taught by some of the parents and in schools providing the teacher was a Catholic and still later by correspondence. During the 1930's two nuns obliged each year during the summer holidays to prepare the first Communion and Confirmation candidates.

For the past few years religion had been taught in the schools and after Mass by the priest, parents and Catholic teachers. The present instructors are: Mrs. Joe Mitzel, Mrs. George Fauth, Mrs. John Harty and Mrs. Toney Kanig, under the direction of Father McNamee, who donate their time unselfishly at the school every Tuesday afternoon.

THE CHOIR

The early pioneers of the Sacred Heart Church of Faith, brought with them a heritage, the singing and chanting of hymns in both Latin and German.

For some time Mrs. Lawrence Mitzel and George Ehnes sang, after which Father Bidault started the choir with several mixed young people, teaching them both German and English Hymns, to which there was some controversy, as the pioneers did not wish their children to lose their mother tongue, which gradually happened regardless.

The main leader in taking part in the liturgical services was Joe Moch. Others were Jacob Scherer, George Ehnes, Liborius Marthaller and Mrs. Mitzel, and a few others we couldn't recall.

An organ was brought out from Warner with horse drawn wagon by Father Bidault. Several of the organists were: Margie Vaselenick, Helen and Lena (Herbst)

Voellershine and Bridie Parisel, all school teachers. Mrs. Simon Marthaller, with the aid of mixed young people, formed a choir, under her own direction. She carried on for many years until they moved to Taber on October 16, 1947. For some time we had no choir. Adeline (Waldo) Dixon obliged with Mrs. Kitty Goehring as director. Adeline was relieved by Mrs. Benny Harty with Father Malo and Kitty as directors until the Hartys moved to Rumsey, Alberta.

At present we are without an organist, but are fortunate to have Jack Schavemaker visit the district during weekends as he is an excellent organist and liturgian. He is accompanied by a small choir who are: Mr. and Mrs. Math Harty, Mrs. Pius Ehnes, Mrs. Anton Harty, Mrs. Toney King, Joe Feist and Jacob Harty.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND CHANGES

Each year a special Mass was celebrated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Corpus Christi was another tradition, when the Blessed Sacrament was exposed and a procession was held around the Church with the congregation reciting the Rosary, Hymns were sung as the Benediction and Blessing was held at each corner of the Church. This tradition lasted until 1956. Lenten Stations, Rosary, Forty Hour and other special occasions are held with the parishioners attending faithfully.

The Annual Church picnic was replaced by a Communion breakfast and a parish Knights of Columbus picnic.

The regular Sunday bulletin was introduced and the new envelope system.

The Holy Childhood Society, through the generosity of the children, has been able to adopt several children each year.

We have been honored by many visits from Missionaries, Priests, and the Bishop. One of the outstanding visits was Father Patrick Moore, SFM, and his famous Pilgrim Statue of our Lady on May 1, 1962.

Now on July 6, 1963 we are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our Church.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

These early pioneers had great faith and courage to brave these barren prairies, which were inhabited by wild animals and insects (we mustn't forget the rocks), not only faith that they could, God willing, build a future but they brought with them a strong religious faith.

There were a few, as time went on, as it always happens, who failed to practice their religion and fell away, losing their precious heritage. On the other hand, to make up for these losses, we also gained several converts who turned out to be very good Catholics.

PRESENT PARISHIONERS WHO ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY 1963

Dorner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and family
Dixon, Mrs. Adeline
Ehnes, Mr. and Mrs. John and son
Ehnes, Mr. and Mrs. Pius and family

Fauth, Mr. and Mrs. George and family
 Feist, Mr. Nick and Paul
 Feist, Mr. and Mrs. Joe and family
 Fiitterer, Alexander and Francis
 Gaetz, Mr. and Mrs. George and family
 Hearn, Mr. and Mrs. James and family
 Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Anton and family
 Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. John and family
 Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Charles and family
 Hinch, Mr. and Mrs. Edward
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. John and family
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and family
 Harty, Mrs. Kay and family
 Harty, Mr. Jacob
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand and family
 Harty, Mr. Frank
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Math
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. Anton and family
 Harty, Mr. and Mrs. George and family
 Kanig, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and son
 Kanig, Mr. and Mrs. Anton and family
 Kirschbaum, Mrs. Annie and family
 Kirschbaum, Mr. John
 Pique, Mrs. Joe and family
 Scherer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry and family
 Seefried, Mr. and Mrs. Ruhben
 Mitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe and family



Faith Cemetery - Lest We Forget

IN CONCLUSION

These oldtimers who were young as we are now, had faith, working, praying and living in such a way that the past 50 years can be based on a good solid future which is in our hands now, boasting of fine traditions, high principles and good families.

They knew there was a job to be done and they did it the best way they knew how, building up initiative such as the younger generation may never have. No other generation will see this district as they saw it. They started the wheels turning, developing this land, making it fruitful, and changed it into what it is today in order to have a good life for their

children.

The future of the district now depends on us and the generations yet unborn. The future that lay ahead when those pioneers knelt for the first time in their newly built Church in 1913, they did not know either.

Only God knows what the distant future will provide, but let us hope that spirit, devotion, co-operation and good will which the pioneers brought with them to this country and passed on to their children will always remain with us and continue to be passed on to our children for this is our heritage.

JUBILEE WEEK

On July 6, 1963, Father McNamee offered the Solemn Mass at 10 o'clock with Father Trudeau as Deacon and Father Malo as Sub-deacon and Bishop Carroll as the Preacher.

After the service a banquet was held in the Foremost Community Hall at Foremost with the O.L.P.H. C.W.L. of Foremost catering.

Speakers at the banquet were: Fathers Trudeau, McNamee, Gillis, Monsignor Killan of Lethbridge, and the main speaker Father Malo who substituted for Father Aubrey Tennant who passed away suddenly on June 29, with John Herbst as Master of ceremonies.



After a confirmation service August 5, 1942: Louis Connolly (now a priest of St. Mary's Cathedral) Father Lyons of Taber, His Excellency Bishop Carroll Father John Cunningham (deceased) Father Trudeau and two Sisters of the Ursalines from the Prelate Saskatchewan Convent.

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